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A G E N D A

To All Members of the Council, Press and Public

There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 8 July 2019** at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU commencing after an earlier briefing meeting pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:

1. **Apologies and absences** (7.30)
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying** (7.31)
Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.
3. **Minutes of the Meetings 3 & 10 June 2019** (7.32)
To consider the minutes and if in order sign as a true record (previously circulated).
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** (7.33)
 - 4.1 Minute 3268/4.2 Junction 3 M2. Waiting Government response to 10 MPs request for action on local infrastructure. Cllr B Hinder to contact MP
 - 4.2 Minute 3268/4.3 Litter bin New Cut Road. MBC chased 26.06.19 for an update computer system shows 'closed' but no other information..
 - 4.3 Minute 3268/4.5 Land to rear of Tesco. Cllr Bob Hinder to contact the MP to see if she could help locate the owners. **Action: Cllr Bob Hinder.**
 - 4.4 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.
- To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting** (7.38)
5. **Planning Applications for Consideration - DECISION** (7.48)
To consider applications received. See report (page 3)
6. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions - INFORMATION** (8.00)
To receive and consider any information. See report (page 3).
7. **Highways and Byways - DECISION** (8.04)
To consider any issues raised at the meeting.
 - 7.1 Road naming on development on land west of Eclipse Park, Sittingbourne Road. See report (page 3)
 - 7.2 M2 junction 5 improvements. See report (pages 3-4)
 - 7.3 Crash Data. See confidential (due to sensitive data) enclosure.
 - 7.4 BPC wish list conversion to Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)/Infrastructure Spend Plan (ISP). See report (pages 6-10).
8. **Policy and Procedures - REVIEW** (8.22)
None scheduled for review.

- 9. **Members and Officer's Reports** (8.23)
To receive any reports or notification of issues from members.
- 10. **Volunteer Groups - INFORMATION** (8.28)
To receive any reports.
- 11. **Matters for Information – INFORMATION** (8.33)
To receive any information. See report (page 5).
- 12. **Items for Next Agenda - DECISION** (8.35)
Requests for items to be included on the agenda to be submitted no later than 5 August. KCC Consultation. See report (page 5).
- 13. **Next Meeting** (8.37)
Next full Environment Committee meeting 12 August 2019 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) on the item about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of or part of the item.

- 14. **Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC** (8.38)
To consider any updates received.

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Clerk to Boxley Parish Council

Date: 1 July 2019

In accordance with policy the meeting should close no later than 9:30pm but the Chairman has devolved powers to extend it by 30 minutes.

Items to be returned to agenda: None

Supporting agenda papers for the Environment Committee Meeting 8 July 2019. The Chairman will assume that these have been read prior to the meeting.

Councillors wishing to suggest changes to any policy or procedure document in this agenda should notify the office, in writing, at least three working days in advance of the meeting to allow details to be circulated at the meeting (or in advance if particularly contentious).

Item 5 Planning Applications for Consideration - DECISION

Decisions

19/502829/FULL Adaptation of existing space to house cold storage facilities with new link extension to main building and creation of new opening to the East elevation. Vinters Park Crematorium Bearsted Road Weaving ME14 5LG. Deadline 17 July 2019.

19/502833/FULL Erection of a first floor extension over garage, study, storage and utility room to achieve a master bedroom with minor internal alterations. 2 Pilgrims View Boxley Maidstone Kent ME14 3DQ. Deadline 18 July 2019.

Item 6 Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions

18/506071/FULL Erection of first floor rear extension. APPEAL: DISMISSED 6 Golden Wood Close, Boxley, Chatham, Kent ME5 8XA

BPC did not object.

MBC's refusal was The Council hereby REFUSES Planning Permission for the above for the following Reason(s):

(1) By virtue of its siting, design, visual appearance, height and scale, that the proposal does not comply with Development Plan Policy and the councils Residential Extensions guidelines and that there are no overriding material considerations to justify approval that outweigh the harm identified above.

Item 8 Highways and Byeways- INFORMATION AND DECISION

8.1 Road naming on development on land west of Eclipse Park, Sittingbourne Road.
To **ratify** the Clerk's decision, after canvassing members to submit the name Heath Wood Drive.

8.2 PROJECT: M2 junction 5 improvements (E-MAIL 13.06.19)

The Highways England (A249 Trunk Road Stockbury Roundabout Improvements) (Side Roads) Order 2019 (the "Side Roads Order")

The Highways England (A249 Trunk Road Stockbury Roundabout Improvements) compulsory Purchase Order 2019 (the "Compulsory Purchase Order")

The A249 Trunk Road (Stockbury Roundabout Improvements) Order 20. (the "Section 10 Line Order") (together the "Orders")

1. Highways England is about to publish proposals for the above Project. The Proposals require the Orders listed above. The Orders are the statutory documents that would give us the authority to make alterations to the existing highways network to enable the Project to be built, using powers available to us under the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
2. Highways England has made the Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order listed above and is about to submit both orders to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation.
3. The associated Section 10 Line Order has been published in draft by the Secretary of State for Transport.
4. Highways England has also published an Environmental Statement which relates to the Orders.
5. You have previously been identified as a key stakeholder who might be interested in receiving updates about the scheme directly.

6. Copies of all Orders related material may be inspected on the Highways England website at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m2-junction-5-improvements/>. Copies have also been deposited at the locations identified below and may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 13 June 2019 until 25 July 2019:
 - Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ;
 - Swale Borough Council, Sheppey Gateway, High Street, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1NL;
 - Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ;
 - Kent CC, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ;
 - Sittingbourne Library, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4AH;
 - Maidstone Library Kent History And Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1LQ.
7. The Orders and Environmental Statement are open to objection or representation until 25 July 2019.
8. Should you wish to make any such objection or representation please write to the Secretary of State for Transport, at the National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR or by email to nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk by 25 July 2019.

Item 9 Members and Officer's Reports- INFORMATION

Report from Cllr Bob Hinder

I attended planning meeting on 27th Jun ere the above application and spoke in my role as Ward member and for Boxley Parish Council

My arguments were centred around the access to the site and the possible harm to pedestrians. I used their map (page 95 of agenda) to illustrate how the footpath could be used by many people from 7 interconnecting roads to gain access to Impton lane which is a bus route. This reinforced that the footpath could be used often and any alterations to allow access from this on to 22 Goldstone land would impinge on the safety of pedestrians in some form or other and stop this area being used as a turning circle by traffic passing along Goldstone Road.

I then drew members attention to conditions 6 and 7 which dealt with this issue but, as Pauline agreed in a very confusing manner.

After my 3 minutes and back sitting in my seat to my amazement the Chairman, after a conversation with the planning officer invited me to take the seat again because they wanted my views on what was wrong and did I have any suggestions as to a likely remedy or solution - this has never happened to me before and Pauline said she could also not recall an instance of this in 20 years !

I did take full use of this unique opportunity and endeavoured to illustrate that measures could not be discussed until full ownership of the s5rip of land was identified and then permission sought (hopefully with a full consultation with the local residents) to enable perhaps a final resolution to be reached.

After advise from planning officer who suggested it be deferred this was put to members who agreed unanimously.

A further point was brought up by Cllr Harwood who stated that he was not happy that conditions put on the original application made, and passed in 2015 had been ignored in this new application and queried whether the planning officer had referred to the original and taken on board what had been agreed then.

May I say an interesting and different session of Planning.

Item 12 Matters for Information - INFORMATION

12.1 Local Plan Review briefing – presentation. MBC will be contacting parishes to do a presentation but Borough Councillor Bob Hinder has provided a copy of a slide presentation he had on 19 June.

Item 13 Items for Next Agenda - Decision

Do members wish to participate in this consultation? Members are asked to view the documents on the KCC website.

<https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/Kentbiodiversityconsultation/consultationHome>

Kent County Council Consultations

Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2019 to 2044

You've been invited to participate in the **Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2019 to 2044** consultation by the consultation manager, Nicola Hale.

This consultation is open from 24 Jun 2019 at 10:00 to 1 Sep 2019 at 23:59.

Dear Sir or Madam

As you have previously expressed an interest in receiving information on Consultations regarding Environment & Countryside and Planning & Planning Applications, you may be interested in the following consultation.

Kent County Council (KCC) is currently consulting on the Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2019 to 2044.

We want to hear your feedback on our proposed Biodiversity Strategy for the county. It includes goals and targets for the restoration and revival of Kent's wildlife and objectives for how to better connect people with the natural environment and the benefits this brings.

This consultation closes on the 1st September.

8.4 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)/Infrastructure Spend Plan (ISP)

Clerk's note on Stage 1.

Members' are asked to consider the HIP and ISP list produced from the original BPC wish list. Prior to inviting comments from residents members are asked to approve the conversion and amendments.
Members are invited to put forward additions to this list.

Infrastructure Spending Plan (ISP). MBC required document for parish council expenditure using Community Infrastructure Levy
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Add any project - ? Reduction in speed limit on any road, Walderslade Woods Road or Lidsing Road

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	Project	complexity and impact	Reason	Notes	ISP or HIP	Priority
	Grove Green and surrounds					
1	Grove Wood Drive South/New Cut junction improvements	serious traffic management changes	STEM school providing this			
2	Improve TV Studio Roundabout design	serious traffic management changes	Improve traffic flows	Clerk's note. What is prospect of getting this done if it was not required by the development at the studios?	HIP	
3	Improve TV Studio Roundabout design by road markings	Simple white lining	Recent KCC work			
4	Improve width of Grovewood Drive and install pedestrian refuges	major changes path and road designs	KCC refused 2018 request including funding as any change would result in other safety issues	Clerk's note: Start a history section at end of ISP document so that council and residents can track previously refused schemes.	HIP	
5	VVPT always looking for funding of projects	Various high to low cost	Included below in contributions to open spaces		ISP	
6	Contributions to play areas (new and existing), open spaces and community facilities (including halls)	Various high to low cost	Family activity and exercise		ISP	

7	Community facilities for young people	could be simple on open spaces	Incorporated into above		ISP	
8	Improve Weaving Street for pedestrians	serious traffic management changes	Safety and traffic flows		HIP	
9	Additional yellow lines Grovewood Drive South and Provender Way	-	To stop inappropriate parking but also to help flow of traffic by providing 'passing bays'	NEW	HIP	
	Walderslade/Lordswood	complexity and impact	Reason	Notes	ISP or HIP	Priority
10	Junction of Gleaming Wood Drive and Lords Wood Lane and the extension of the cycle path along the part of Gleaming Wood Drive adjacent to the Lords Wood Industrial Estate.	major junction and footway changes required.	Safety and traffic flows. Better facilities to encourage walking and cycling.		HIP	
11	Missing footways around Impton Lane	Ransom Strips exist leading to high cost	Safety and pedestrianisation		ISP/HIP	
12	Roundwood project and facilities therein	evolving project, complex but supported	Positioned as a key community opportunity	Clerk's note: awaiting result of sale of land	ISP	
13	Contributions to play areas (new and existing), open spaces and community facilities (including halls)	Various high to low cost	Family activity and exercise		ISP	
14	Speed reduction Wald Wds Rd	major - traffic islands needed	Safety		HIP	

1 5	Westfield Sole Road improvements for traffic flow	serious traffic management changes	a black spot for potential accidents	Land in private ownership either side of road and if developed S106 might become available	HIP	
1 6	Construction of a footway (dual use cyclist/pedestrian if possible) beside Beechen Bank Road from Cossington Valley to Woodlands	Cost and land availability	Safety		ISP/HIP	
1 7	Westfield Sole Road HGV restricted access (both ways) from The Harrow PH and Charles Dickens Lodge.	RTO required, signage etc.	Safety	NEW	HIP	
1 8	Westfield Sole Road. "Do not follow SatNav" signs			NEW	HIP	
1 9	Impton Lane. Make one way	RTO required, signage etc.			HIP	
Sandling						
2 0	Contributions to/provision of play areas (new and existing), open spaces and community facilities (including halls)	Various high to low cost	Family activity and exercise		ISP	
2 1	Yellow Lines Sandling (junction Old Chatham Road/Tyland Lane)	-		NEW	HIP	
Boxley						
2 2	Contributions to/provision of play areas (new and existing), open spaces and community facilities (including halls)	Various high to low cost	Family activity and exercise	NEW	ISP	

Other						
2 3	Land for recreational use at Boxley and Sandling and further allotments	Needs to be close to communities	Family activity and exercise		ISP	
2 4	School improvements of facilities	Could be simple projects	KCC responsibility			
2 5	Dual Carriageway road by Maidstone Crematorium	serious traffic management changes	Being created by Bearsted Rd Improvements programme			
2 6	Roundabout names	Could be simple	KCC not interested			
2 7	Passing places on narrow lanes in the Parish	Land purchases and civil works involved			HIP	
2 8	Anything on road design, in any area, to alleviate congestion	Various high to low cost			HIP	

Clerk's note on Stage 2

This will require publicity that there is a budget of up to £40,000 for allocation and to invite residents to submit suggestions for expenditure or inclusion on the HIP list.

Clerk's note on Stage 3

Members will need to decide what, if any, project will be further investigated to consider funding. KCC has produced examples and templates which can be used and it has also provided guidance on what it expects a parish council to do regarding public consultation. The parish council already has a 'checklist' to help set priorities.